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SUBJ: IRAQI FOREIGN POLICY

1. FRENCH AMB CERLES TOLD ME MAR 21 THAT HE HAD
INFO OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO CONVEY CONCERNING
VISIT TO BAGHDAD OF LUCIEN BITTERLIN, PROMINENT MEMBER OF
FRANCO-ARAB SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION. HIS ORGANIZATION
RECENTLY OBJECT OF BOMB ATTACK IN PARIS AND BITTERLIN
CONSEQUENTLY RECEIVED WARMLY BY BAATH. BITTERLIN HAD MET
BAATH NATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEMBERS ON MAR 18 AND BEEN TOLD FOL:

2. IRAN, IRAQ AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE THREE MOST IMPORTANT
STATES OF THE AREA. IF THEY FOLLOW THEIR REAL INTERESTS
THEY WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER AND THIS WILL BE IN INTERESTS
OF THE REGION. BAATH REPS STATED FLATLY THAT IRAQI POLICY
IS NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES
AND THERE WAS THEREFORE NOTHING CONTRADICTORY IN SUCH A
RELATIONSHIP WITH THESE TWO NEIGHBORS (TO FRENCH THIS
SOUNDED AS IF IRAQ WAS ADVOCATING TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE.)

3. WHEN IRAQ IS CONVINCED THERE IS NO AMERICAN INTERFERENCE
IN IRAQ'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, IRAQ WILL RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH U S.

4. WHEN ISRAEL UNDERSTANDS THAT IT MUST INTEGRATE INTO THE
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REGION A ME PEACE SETTLEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE.

5.COMMENT: SIGNIFICANCE OF STATEMENTS IF THAT THEY WERE
MADE BY BAATH NATIONAL LEADERSHIP RESENTATIVES WHO
NORMALLY ESPOUSE BAATH RHETORIC RATHER THAN THIS KIND OF
REALPOLITIK.
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